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Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on 26 October 2007. However, Applicant's supplemental claim amendments of 19 November 2007 are not fully responsive to the prior Office action because Applicant has cancelled all previously examined claims and has added new claims 19-52 that are not drawn to the originally elected invention. For example, the previous claims were directed to administering a TPO mimetic compound to a subject to increase stem cells, harvesting the stem cells, treating the subject with a bone marrow ablative treatment, and transplanting the harvested stem cell into the subject. The newly submitted method claims do not recite the steps in the previous claims. The newly submitted method claims also recite administering a different mimetic than the one in the previous claims. Furthermore, the amendment of 19 November 2007 introduces product claims. The previous and original claims were not directed to a product.

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